

**THE SOUTHEAST
AND AMERICA'S AVIATION FUTURE
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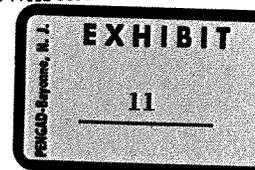
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LARRY C. WALLACE

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FAX [REDACTED]

Tuesday, September 24, 1996
3:59 PM

Confidential Fax Message

Dr. John Katopodis
Executive Director
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2101 Sixth Avenue north-Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35203

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Dear Dr. Katopodis,

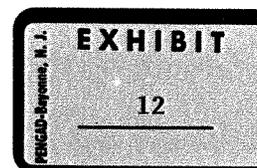
I just received your fax together with a copy of your letter to Secretary Pena. I will be pleased to help you. I will be away from the study tomorrow morning but returning to my study on late Wednesday afternoon. When I return I will give you a call. If you need me this afternoon I am at [REDACTED].

I look forward to our visit.

Sincerely,

Larry C. Wallace [via computer]

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Tuesday, October 01, 1996
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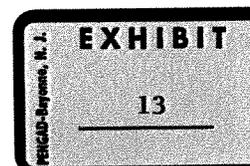
Dear John,

I just visited with Bob Nash at the White House and he is going to do what he can. Please send him copies of your letters to Secretary Pena via fax and federal express.

Bob's address is as follows:

Bobby J. Nash
Assistant to the President
and
Director of Presidential
Personnel
The White House
153 Old Executive Office Building

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October 1, 1996

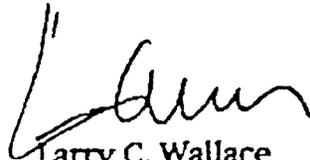
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Please call me when you get a minute to visit.

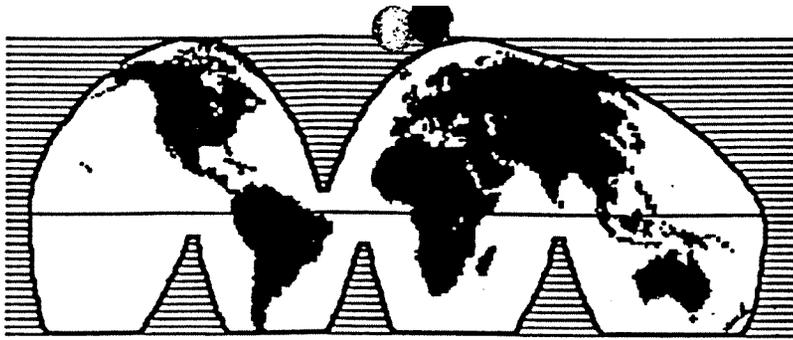
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TO: John Katopodis, PhD.,
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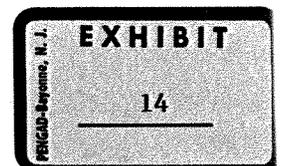
FROM: Larry C. Wallace

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Wednesday, October 2, 1996

Dear John,

After our visit this afternoon I gave some thought to the Amtrack problem. I have a suggestion regarding a resource that was right under my nose. If you are still in your office please call me tonight in my study. Thanks. Larry



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From the TelePort of: Larry C. Wallace

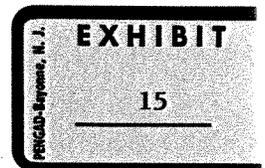
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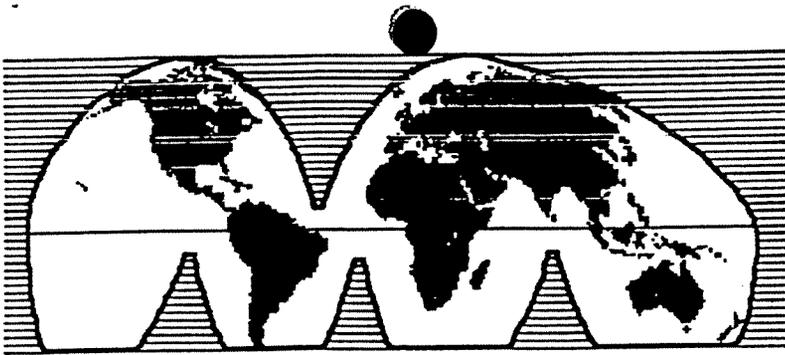
To: Dr. John Katopodis, Council of Cooperating Government
Fax Number: [REDACTED]

Memo: Dear John,

I will be in Washington next Thursday and Friday (17-18) and would like to see you if you should also be in town. I hope all is going well. You should be hearing something very shortly from the Secretary. Larry



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FAX IN BRIEF

TO: John Katopodis, PhD.,
Council of Cooperating

FAX: [REDACTED]

FROM: Larry C. Wallace

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October 11, 1996

Dear John,

I just spoke to my friend at the White House. All White House liaison's report directly to him. The transportation liaison was to get the answer to you. He was surprised that we had not had a call. He is to follow up this afternoon and get back to me. I will call or send you a fax over the weekend. If you need me call [REDACTED]. I hope went well for you in Washington. Larry



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WISH TO: John Katopodis, PI Council of Cooperating

FAX: [REDACTED]

FROM: Larry C. Wallace

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Dear John,

I just received a call from the White House. Short term bad news, long term good news. Please give me a call when you can visit. I will be at [REDACTED] all weekend. Larry

October 12, 1996

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FOR Jk.

DATE Oct. 14 TIME 1:00 AM
P.M.

M Larry Wallace

OF _____

PHONE 501- _____
AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION

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| TELEPHONED | PLEASE CALL |
| CAME TO SEE YOU | WILL CALL AGAIN |
| WANTS TO SEE YOU | RUSH |
| RETURNED YOUR CALL | SPECIAL ATTENTION |

MESSAGE _____

SIGNED CW

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From the TelePort of: Larry C. Wallace

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 1996

Number of Pages: 1

To: Dr. John Katopodis, Council of Cooperating Government

Fax Number: [REDACTED]

Memo: John,

I am sorry that I missed your call today. I returned too late to call you back. I will call you from Washington tomorrow. Larry

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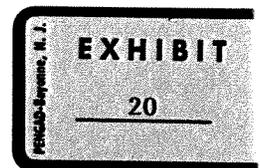
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Dr. John Katopodis

December 19, 1996

Hon. Rodney Slater, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
United States Department of Transportation
400 7th Street S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20590

Dear Mr. Slater:

Congratulations on your pending appointment as Secretary of Transportation. We applaud your selection to this most important post and know your service to our country will be as outstanding as it has been in your current position.

This letter comes to ask your consideration in giving the keynote address at a symposium the Council of Cooperating Governments has planned on the status and future of air travel in the United States. A copy of the tentative agenda is attached. We have left the event date open to accommodate your schedule in hopes that you can join us. We would like to hold this conference mid-February or as soon thereafter as possible, but because your participation is so important to us, we are willing to move it to any date on which you might be able to speak.

The symposium is sponsored by the member cities of the Council of Cooperating Governments and the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce. A focus of the seminar is the proposed Alabama International Airport being discussed as a possible second airport for Hartsfield and a long term replacement for Birmingham International Airport. Mayors Arrington and Campbell have had this matter under consideration for several years and the planning process is moving forward, although implementation of the project may be as much as a decade away.

The meeting will be attended by many local and state elected officials from the region, as well as, by media and interested public. We do not expect it to be controversial in any way and are not looking for an endorsement or a position from you, USDOT, or the FAA in this matter. The purpose of your participation is to set a tone for discussion of our nation's long term aviation needs and provide our member governments and people of our area with information concerning the Clinton Administration's vision for the future of air transportation in America.

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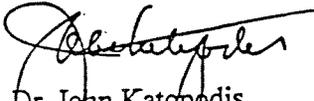
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Mr. Rodney Slater
Federal Highway Administration
USDOT
December 19, 1996
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We are anxious to assist you in any way we can to achieve the national goals you are setting for transportation improvement in our country. We believe we can be a valuable asset in helping to mobilize congressional support from our region to help achieve a vision which is clearly outlined and commonly held. In addition, this symposium offers a good opportunity and forum in which to present your vision and goals for the nation's transportation systems.

The attached proposed agenda and schedule can be changed in any way you deem appropriate to accommodate your plans. Please advise us of any changes you might desire or other conditions under which you might be willing to participate. We will greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so that we may send out invitations to invited speakers and guests and finalize the seminar plans. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. John Katopodis
Executive Director

JK/j

cc: Mayor Richard Arrington, Jr., City of Birmingham
Mayor Bill Campbell, City of Atlanta
Mayor Steve Means, City of Gadsden
Commissioner B.R. Williams, Acting Chair CCG
Congressman Earl Hillard
Don Wilson, Chairman SEA
Don Newton, President, Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce
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January 22, 1997

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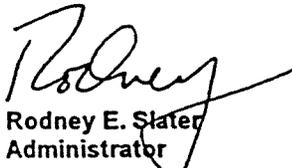
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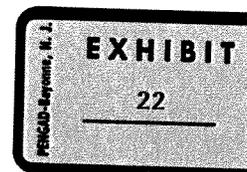
I am honored to know of your support of my nomination to become Secretary of Transportation. I am honored that President Clinton has given me this new opportunity, and if the Senate confirms my nomination, I will look forward to serving the American people. I also know that this Department and this Nation face many transportation challenges in the years ahead. For that reason, I am pleased to know I can count on your support.

~~Under Secretary Peña, this Department has significantly improved the intermodal transportation system the United States will need in the 21st century to sustain the strongest economy in the world, to increase our competitiveness in international markets, and to help each American realize his or her full potential. I look forward to building on the rich legacy of the President's first term. But much remains to be accomplished and, with your help and that of our partners throughout the Nation, I am confident we will enter the new century with a strong, safe, and efficient transportation system that will benefit all Americans.~~

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely yours,


Rodney E. Slater
Administrator



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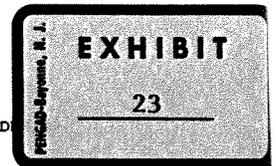
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COMMENTS:

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MUCH PLANNING WHICH IS ON HOLD. THANKS.

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April 11, 1997

To: Eddie Carazo
From: Dr. John Katopodis

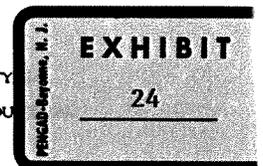
It has been almost four months since I wrote the attached letter and to date have not had the courtesy of a response. I have spoken with your office on several other occasions concerning this matter. I spoke with you personally over a week ago to express my chagrin. Now, could you please have your attorney or political liaison officer call me at their earliest convenience to discuss details from my perspective as to why there may be a delay in getting an appropriate response?

If I do not hear from you by Wednesday, April 16, I will assume that no response will be forthcoming and act accordingly.

cc: Roger Clinton
Larry Wallace

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April 28, 1997

To: Vonnie Robinson
From: Dr. John Katopodis

Re: June 27, 1997 schedule

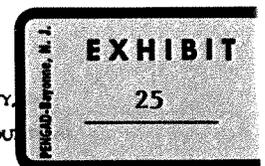
The Council of Cooperating Governments issued a request to Secretary Slater in December, 1996, prior to his appointment as Secretary, to keynote an aviation seminar we have been planning for many months. To date, we have not had the courtesy of a response to this request, despite several conversations with Eddie Carazo concerning it.

I understand that the Secretary has a request pending to speak in Birmingham on June 27th at the Urban Impact meeting and is also planning to meet with a number of prominent businessmen here at that time. Is it possible to include us in the Secretary's schedule on that day? We are flexible as to the hour. If not, is there any other time we might arrange for him to speak to our group of elected officials from around the Southeast?

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you in this matter. A copy of the proposed agenda is attached.

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Dr. John Katopodis

May 8, 1997

To: Vonnie Robinson
From: John Katopodis

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me yesterday. After we spoke, Catherine Grundig called me on my digital phone at about 5:45p.m. CST. Without calling me by name, asking a single question, or clarifying a single point, she launched into a spiel about the situation I had described to you and suggested that I turn over any allegations of wrongdoing to the proper authorities for criminal investigation. Her demeanor and attitude were quite offensive and I told her I would do that, thanked her, and then hung up. She called back suggesting we must have been cut off. I told her that, in fact, I had hung up and did so again.

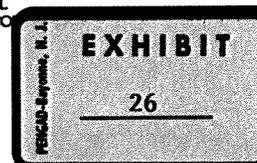
I can't begin to tell you how disgusted I am with this whole matter. If it is the normal policy of your office to not respond to written requests from established organizations, then perhaps I am wrong in my assumptions about the lack of response being tied to an attempt at extortion.

In any event, it is clear to me that some members of your staff, either by incompetence or intent, are not serving well the interests of the Secretary or this Administration. I wanted you to know, however, that I did not feel that way about you and your efforts to clarify this matter. I certainly appreciate the time and energy you devoted to the situation. The cavalier manner in which your colleagues operate, however, indicate to me that they do not take this matter seriously. I very much regret this.

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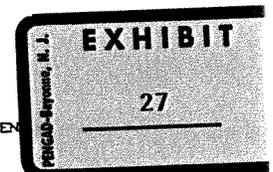
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